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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Rodriguez  
Serial No.: 10/786,729  
Filed: 02/25/2004  
For: Improved Self-Adhering Paper Strapping Band  
Art Unit: 1771  
Examiner: Desai

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**RESPONSE**

This communication is in response to a first office action with mail date of Dec. 21, 2005, in which the Examiner has objected to claims 1-22 under Section 112, has rejected claims 1-8, 11-19 and 22 under Section 102(e) as anticipated by Peacock '687, has rejected claims 9 and 20 under Section 103(a) as obvious over Peacock '687 in view of Kresse et al. '006 (cited as Hermann by the Examiner), and has rejected claims 10 and 21 under Section 103(a) as obvious over Peacock '687 in view of Bartelmuss et al. '526.

Please amend the application as follows:

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